## COVID-19 Council Update – August 10, 2020

- Over the last 9 days, the Texas Department of Health has continued to report sharp increases in
  the statewide positivity rate. As of August 9, a rate of 20.99% was reported which is the highest
  positivity rate reported so far throughout this pandemic. The number of daily new cases
  reported has continued to decline however this trend appears to be because of a gradual
  decline in COVID-19 testing in the state over the last few weeks. Despite the increasing
  statewide positivity rate, the Greater Houston area positivity rate has been on the decline.
- As of August 10, the Texas Medical Center reports that Phase I ICU capacity remains full and they are 2% into Phase II capacity with no expectations of exceeding Phase II capacity within the next 2 weeks. TMC is also reporting a continued declining trend in new hospitalizations from the previous weeks.
- Harris County Public Health data indicates West U now has 38 "confirmed" cases, 29 of these cases have "recovered" and 9 are still "active".
- City staff have been working on organizing COVID-19 expenses to submit to FEMA for reimbursement and working with Harris County to identify costs that could be reimbursed through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
- End of Report



